of guidelines issued by the DOP & T from time to time. The cases are finalised soon after the submission of requisite information/documents by the family of the deceased employee. The employment to the family member is provided if the family is in indigent condition.

The cases where there are earning members in the family or where death took place more than five years ago are dealt at Telecom Head Quarter. In the rest of the cases the Heads of Telecom. Circles have been delegated powers to deal with such cases.

*[English]*

**Survey in Kerala**

5294. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the surveys conducted in Kerala for laying railway lines during the last two years and the current year, so far:

(b) the total amount spent on them, so far; and

(c) the names of lines which are likely to be taken up for construction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b)

(Rs. in Lakhs)

| Sl. No. | Survey | Expenditure |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Preliminary Techno Economic Survey for Thakazhy-Thiruvalla-Pathanamthitta Railway line (100 kms.) | 6.00 |
| 2. | Preliminary Engg.-cum-Traffic survey for Kayankulam-Trivandrum new line via Adoor-Kottarakara (14.5 kms.) | 10.00 |
| 3. | Traffic survey for a new line from Guruvayur to Eddapalli | 2.00 |
| 4. | Preliminary Engg.-cum-Traffic survey for Gauge Conversion of Quilon to Virudunagar/ Tirunelvelli-Trichendur (357 kms.) | 14.31 |
| 5. | Reconnaissance Engg.-cum-Traffic survey for new BG line between Nanjangod and Badagara via Vyitri-Poozhithod | 7.42 |
| (c) | **New Lines to be taken up for construction** | |
| 1. | Kuttipuram-Guruvayoor new line | |
| 2. | Angamali-Sabarimala new line | |

**Doordarshan Resources**

5295. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan has a programme to raise its resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the target set therefor; and

(c) the aims and objectives for raising resources of Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Rationalisation of advertising tariff structure, opening up of additional Commercial Kendras, incentives to advertisers and telecast of quality programmes so as to attract maximum number of viewers to make Doordarshan channels a cost effective medium for the advertisers are major steps to increase commercial revenue. The target for commercial revenue collection for 1997-98 is Rs. 625 crores.

(c) Doordarshan generates internal resources in order to fund a substantial portion of its development activities.

**Performance of Copper Mines**

5296. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of MINIES be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of each copper mine in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether some copper mines are on the verge of closure;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to revive these mines?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) The production performance of all the copper mines of Hindustan Copper Limited and Sikkim Mining Corporation during the last three financial years are as under:

(Production of ore in MT)

| | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| **Indian Copper Complex (Bihar)** | | | |
| Mosaboni | 405309 | 318885 | 289260 |
| Pathargora | 115175 | 126582 | 127464 |
| Surda | 308464 | 327096 | 318517 |
| Kendadih | 49645 | 56257 | 46960 |
| Rakha | 250335 | 230137 | 239676 |
| Total | 1128928 | 1058957 | 1021877 |